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KC ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILING TO PAY TAXES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., attorney pleaded guilty in federal court today to failing to pay nearly \$109,584 in federal income taxes.

Dale E. Lovelace, 39, of Kansas City, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sarah W. Hays this morning to the charge contained in a federal information.

By pleading guilty, **Lovelace** admitted that he failed to pay \$109,584 in income tax owed to the Internal Revenue Service for the calendar year 2000, during which he received a total of \$266,076 in taxable income from his law practice.

Lovelace also admitted that he failed to pay his income tax for calendar years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002. The tax loss for 1996 is \$24,584. The tax loss for 1997 is \$81,880. The tax loss for 1999 has not yet been determined. The tax loss for 2001 is \$15,995, and the tax loss for 2002 is estimated to be approximately \$40,000.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Lovelace** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to one year in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$100,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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